

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following.

[0044] The diagnostic tests for the detection of antibodies against *Salmonella* flagellin are preferably in the form of a kit, comprising flagellin in a purified form. The flagellin could be purified through standard protein separation techniques over a suitable column. Another possibility is separation ~~on a PAGE gel~~ by SDS-PAGE followed by Western-blotting. On the Western-blot, the flagellin will form a specific band, separated from other *Salmonella* protein bands, and thus is also considered to be purified. Also, a pure form of the protein can be obtained by expressing flagellin-encoding nucleic acid sequences.